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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

The Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee met on Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at the Claiborne Building, Board of Regents Conference Room, 6th Floor, Room 242, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair Michael Abbiatti called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The roll was called by Ms. Diane Didier, Support Staff for the Committee, and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present:

Michael Abbiatti (Chair)

James Anderson
Robert Black
Lt. Colonel Joey Booth
Arnold Chauviere
Eric Deroche
Dean Dozier
Joe Drago
Chief Freddy Drennan
Sheriff Ricky Edwards
Richard Gremillion
Colonel Kenneth Hughes

Colonel Ron Johnson
JoAnne Moreau
Susan Severance
Colonel Eric Sivula

Colonel Jeff Smith

Lt. Colonel Brian Spillman
Tommy Thiebaud
Colonel Henry Whitehorn
Sonya Wiley-Gremillion

Representing Agency:

LA Broadband Advisory Council/
LA Board of Regents
Region 4 Iberia OHSEP
LA Fire Chief's Association
LA State Police
LA Public Service Commission
Region 3 Assumption/St. James OHSEP
Region 8 Ouachita OHSEP
DOTD
Police Chief's Association
LA Sheriff's Association
Regional Parish OHSE Directors Committee
LA Sheriff's Association/Region 1
Plaquemines OHSEP
LA National Guard
Region 2 East Baton Rouge OHSEP
AG/GOHSEP
Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections,
Corrections Services
Governor's Office of Homeland
Security/Emergency Preparedness
Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
Region 9 Washington OHSEP
LA State Police
Region 6 Rapides OHSEP

Committee Members Absent:

Senator Robert Barham

Pat Potier

Sandy Davis

Commissioner Jerry Luke LeBlanc

Senator Robert Marionneaux

Representative Daniel Martiny

Representative Francis Thompson

Representing Agency:

LA Senate Select Committee on

Homeland Security

Dept. of Health & Hospitals

Region 7 Caddo/Bossier OHSEP

Division of Administration

LA State Senate Judiciary B Committee

LA House of Representatives Committee

on Administration of Criminal Justice

LA House of Representatives Special

Committee on LA Homeland Security

Support Staff Present:

Diane Didier (LA Board of Regents)

**Guest List
See Appendix**

III. Approval of the Minutes of May 12, 2006

Mr. Michael Abbiatti, Chair, after requesting the Committee members to review the minutes of May 12, 2006, recommended that the approval of the minutes for the May 12, 2006 be carried over to the next Executive Committee meeting due to some of the motions being incomplete.

IV. Interoperability Status Presentations

Mr. Abbiatti presented an introduction of the Emergency Support Function II Interoperable Communications – Legislative Briefing, May 31, 2006. He then introduced the presenters on the status of interoperable communications for the State of Louisiana -- Lt. Colonel Joey Booth, Louisiana State Police; Mr. Matt Farlow, Governor's Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Preparedness; Colonel Ron Johnson, Louisiana National Guard; Ralph Ladnier, Region 2 East Baton Rouge OHSEP; and Mr. Frank Lalley, FEMA. Ms. JoAnne Moreau requested for copies of the PowerPoint presentations. Mr. Abbiatti commented that he will send them on the SIEC listserv.

V. Discussion

Mr. Abbiatti reminded the Committee members that for future reference, SIEC members can attend meetings electronically, but will not be allowed to vote or be counted in quorum calculation. Ms. Susan Severance mentioned that she would check on the procedure for attending Executive Committees electronically, voting, etc.

VI. New Business

Public Comments – Mr. Robert Black mentioned he would like recommendations of other devices or products that can be used for interoperable communication systems. Mr. Eric Deroche mentioned that many of the Committee members will not be able to attend

the next meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2006, due to a Regional Emergency Managers meeting in Lake Charles, LA and asked if the meeting could be held in Lake Charles. Mr. Abbiatti commented that he would look into moving the meeting to Lake Charles by polling the membership via the SIEC listserv.

VII. Adjournment

In the absence of further business, Chair Abbiatti adjourned the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee meeting at 3:20 p.m. Members were invited to attend a Legislative briefing in the House of Representatives Committee meeting rooms scheduled for this evening. Members were also reminded of an equipment demonstration in front of the Capitol in conjunction with the briefing.

**APPENDIX
GUEST LIST
May 31, 2006**

NAME

AFFILIATION

Charles Braud
Tom Berkelman
Chris Collor
John Facella
Sharon Gorman
Ralph Ladnier
Frank Lalley
Michael Murphy
Russ Peery
George Phillips
Penny Roberts

Dept. of Justice, AG

A&R

Slidell Police Dept.
EBRP 911
FEMA
Baton Rouge Police Dept.
FEMA
Slidell Police Dept.
The Advocate